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KIDNEY CENTERS

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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



January 26, 2007

Janis Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Office of Certification and Technical Support
Department of Health
310 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

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SUBJECT: Letter of Intent to Expand NKC SeaTac Kidney Center

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Dear Ms. Sigman:

On September 12, 2006, Northwest Kidney Centers filed a Request for Determination of Applicability regarding our intent to relocate the NKC Cascade Kidney Center from Normandy Park to the neighboring community of SeaTac. The proposed new facility (the NKC SeaTac Kidney Center) will have a total of 32 dialysis stations allocated as follows: 12 stations already certified for use from the NKC Cascade Kidney Center; 12 stations for future use; and 8 stations to be used initially as a skills training lab associated with the NKC Dialysis Academy, but constructed in a manner that will also allow them to also be made available for future treatment use as needed.

On October 3, 2006, the Department issued a Determination (copy enclosed) confirming that the project did not require a Certificate of Need and authorizing the relocation of the NKC Cascade Kidney Center. That project is now under way: the lease has been executed, the architectural and engineering plans have been completed, the construction contract has been awarded, and all permit plans have been submitted to the City of SeaTac for review. We expect to begin construction on March 1, 2007.

Please be advised that we now intend to file a Certificate of Need application to certify an additional thirteen (13) dialysis stations at the NKC SeaTac Kidney Center to serve the needs of the King County Planning Region Four (WAC 246-310-280). The estimated capital expenditure for the expansion is \$84,398.00. The new stations are expected to be ready for use by September 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce F. Jackson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Joyce F. Jackson
President and CEO